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APPARATUS FOR MASONRY	)	
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**PLEASE AMEND THE SPECIFICATION AS FOLLOWS:**

- Page 3, line 14 cancel "The" and insert -- Although such pillars/deadmen may be used, the --;

**PARAGRAPH SHOWING CHANGES AS MADE**

[The] Although such pillars/deadmen may be used, the invention does not require such deadmen.

**AFTER AMENDMENT, THE PARAGRAPH READS:**

Although such pillars/deadmen may be used, the invention does not require such deadmen.